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Wyandotte is seeking approval to redevelop two brownfields, while its Department of Public Works prepares to move out to make room for another new project.

The city wants to develop a three-block, eight-acre industrial site on Mulberry Street near Biddle to build low-density, single-family housing.

"This is part of Wyandotte's commitment to developing the city," Mayor Lawrence Stec said.

Using a grant, the city has hired a consultant to develop a site plan that could include some condominiums, along with single-family homes. The housing project and the clean-up strategy needs to be approved by the state Department of Environmental Quality before construction can begin.

The Environmental Protection Agency also is expected to release a preliminary report on the requirements to clean up a second brownfield site just south of the city's nine-hole golf course along the Detroit River.

The 24-acre site owned by Elf Atochem would allow the city to add another nine holes to the course. They haven't agreed to sell the land to the city.

The first nine-hole course opened last summer and sits on a former brownfield owned by BASF Corp.

The project farthest along is a plan for a 20,000-square-foot medical services building on a 3.4-acre site currently home to the

aging Department of Public Works building. It is adjacent to the Henry Ford Hospital in Wyandotte.

It's not yet clear whether the hospital will build the \$4-million building or a consortium of developers will do it, said hospital President William Alvin. City Council members were to hear proposals on the development Monday night.

The Department of Public Works would move to a six-acre site at 13th and Grove. The city purchased that land for \$270,000 in July 1996 and would use the proceeds from the sale of the current public works building to construct the new facility, Stec said.

"(The public works building) doesn't need to be downtown. It's kind of an eyesore," said Stec. O

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Four experts are scheduled to discuss redevelopment issues involving vacated industrial property - commonly known as brownfields -during a noon luncheon Wednesday at the Detroit Athletic Club.

Presented by the Engineering Society of Detroit's Environmental Education Council, the panel is to encompass: Marjorie Weidenfeld Buckholz, brownfields team leader for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's office of solid-waste management and response; Sarah Lile, director of environmental affairs for city of Detroit; Steve Luzkow, Michigan National Corp. manager of environmental affairs; and Conrad Schwartz, manager of surplus-properties groups, General Motors Worldwide Facilities Group-Real Estate.

The panel will be moderated by Kirit Ravani, president of Enviro Matrix Inc., a Detroit-based engineering firm.

The luncheon begins at noon; presentations start at 1 p.m. For information, call (800) 589-9907.

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EPA MAY GRANT 2 RCRA VARIANCES TO BASF-WYANDOTTE; PUBLIC COMMENTS INVITED

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 is now accepting comments on the Agency's tentative decision to grant two variances to the BASF-Wyandotte Corp. for its facilities at 1609 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, MI, and at 1700 Blaney Dr., Troy, MI.

If the variances are granted, the solvents that BASF-Wyandotte uses in its manufacturing process would no longer be considered "solid waste" under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) regulations.

RCRA allows for variances when solvents are reclaimed and reused as feed-stock, thereby making the reclamation operation an essential part of the production process. The company greatly reduces the amount of waste generated by using this reclamation.

Public hearings will be held if a written request is received by close of business March 21, 1986. Please send comments or requests for a public hearing to: Christine Klemme, 5HS-JCK-13, U.S. EPA Region 5, 230 South Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60604.

The BASF-Wyandotte variance requests are available for review at the Bacon Public Library, Reference Section, 45 Vine Wood Ave., Wyandotte, MI, and at the Troy Public Library, 501 West Big Beaver Rd., Troy, MI.

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SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED GRANTING OF VARIANCE TO (2) BASF-WYANDOTTE FACILITIES

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is hereby giving notice of, and soliciting public comments on, its tentative decision to grant variances to the BASF Wyandotte Corporation (BASF) of Parsippany, New Jersey, for its facilities located at: 1609 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan, and, 1700 Blaney Drive, Troy, Michigan. If the variances are granted, it would eliminate from classification as "Solid Waste", the following reclaimed solvents reused in the company's production processes: Heptane and Methanol, at the Wyandotte facility, and Methylene Chloride at the Troy facility.

In applying for these variances, BASF cited 40 Code of Federal Regulations Section 260.31, "Standards and Criteria for Variances from Classification as a Solid Waste" (Federal Register, Volume 50, No. 3, Friday, January 4, 1985). Using the criteria found in that Section, U.S. EPA has tentatively determined that the solvents are reclaimed and then reused as a feedstock within the original primary production process in which they were generated, and that the reclamation operation is an essential part of the production process.

The BASF Wyandotte facility reclaims the heptane and methanol via steam stripping followed by condensation. The material is contained in a close-loop system, from the time it leaves the reactor until it is returned, in its reclaimed form, to its respective storage tank for reuse. The BASF Troy facility reclaims methylene chloride in a batch type reclamation process at an average of three times per month. The reclaimed material is stored in containers and added to the process as required. By employing these reclamation processes, BASF greatly reduces the amount of waste materials generated during production operations.

Should these variances be granted, the reclaimed and reused solvents, managed as described by BASF, would no longer be considered "solid wastes" under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Federal solid waste management law.

Public Hearings will be held if a written request is received before the end of the comment period on March 21, 1986. If a Hearing is requested, notice will be made in the Detroit News, and for the Wyandotte facility-in the Wyandotte News Herald, and for the Troy facility-in the Troy Sommerset-Gazette, as well as on radio station WJR-AM.

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The comment period will commence on February 19, 1986, and will remain open until March 21, 1986. Public comments on the tentative decision described above are encouraged and must be postmarked no later than March 21, 1986. Comments should be addressed to:

United States Environmental Protection Agency RCRA Activities P.O. Box A3587 Chicago, Illinois 60690-3587 ATTN: Christine Klemme

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